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MULE CREEK LINK SURVEY COMPLETED THIS WEEK

The surveying party, from the State Highway Department, in charge of J. M. Shepherd, district engineer, completed the survey of the Mule Creek section of the interstate highway, connecting Grant County, New Mexico, with Greenlee county, Arizona, on Wednesday of this week, and Mr. Shepherd departed Thursday morning for Phoenix where he will complete his maps of this section.

Information from the office of the State Engineer at Phoenix is to the effect that construction work on this important interstate link in the Black Range-Apache Trail Scenic Highway through Arizona and New Mexico, will be commenced at an early date, sometime in August. The equipment used by the surveying party has been stored in Clifton and will be used on the construction work.

By an agreement entered into between the State Engineer and the Board of Supervisors the construction will be under the supervision of the State Highway Department but the labor and teams necessary will be recruited in Greenlee county, affording relief from the unemployment situation. Mr. C. J. Brooke, of the Central Labor Council for this district, will act as employment agent for this purpose.

That the Mule Creek Link is of more than local importance is evidenced by the following letter from The Globe-Lunchon Club to the Arizona State Engineer:

Globe, Arizona, July 8th, 1921.
Thos Maddock,
State Engineer,
Phoenix, Arizona.

Dear Sir:

We are glad to learn of the tentative agreement with the Board of Supervisors of Greenlee county, whereby construction of the Mule Creek Link, connecting Silver City and Clifton, will be started within thirty days.

We sincerely trust that you will allow no interference with the starting and completion of this important link of the Southern National Highway thru New Mexico and Arizona.

W. E. SULLIVAN, Secretary
Globe Lunchon Club.

In a reply to a letter of commendation from the Clifton Commercial Club, on the arrangement entered into between the State Highway Department and the Board of Supervisors of this county, the State Engineer replied as follows:

Phoenix, Arizona July 8th, 1921
L. F. Sweeting, Secretary,
Clifton Commercial Club,

Clifton, Arizona.

This department is glad to receive your letter of appreciation of July 6th. We will do the best we can on this matter and have already requested some additional explosives from the Government in order to have our actual funds go as far as possible on this construction.

Our surveys are nearly complete so that we should be able to get some real work started in the near future.

THOS. MADDOCK, State Engineer.

The Arizona State Highway will join with a New Mexico state highway on the Arizona-New Mexico boundary, in the Mule Creek section, at a point approximately seventeen miles from the present Clifton-Duncan highway. The intersection with the Clifton-Duncan highway will be just beyond Cole Creek on the mesa, distant from Clifton eleven miles.

In the event that two work camps are established on the construction of this link it is the belief that it can be completed within six months. L. A. Gillette, state highway engineer of New Mexico, was in the Mule Creek section this week looking over the route on the New Mexico side of the line for the connection.

With the completion of the interstate link between Grant county and Greenlee county the best and shortest route between El Paso and Phoenix will lie through Silver City, Greenlee County, Gila Valley, Miami, Superior and Mesa.

From El Paso or Elephant Butte dam to Phoenix, via this route, the actual running time will not exceed twenty hours.

UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA'S SPLENDID GROWTH

Reports from thirty-eight publicly supported State and Municipal Universities and colleges to the Institute for Public Service, New York, make it possible to compare the increase in their attendance between 1914 and 1920. The most rapid growth is that reported by the University of Arizona, where the attendance in 1920 shows an increase of 436 per cent over that of 1914. In 1914 the registration was 1616 and 64 degrees were conferred.

GOV. TOM CAMPBELL URGES COMMERCIAL CLUB TO ACTION

The Clifton Commercial Club is in receipt of a communication from Thos. E. Campbell, Governor of Arizona, urging the Commercial Club to take prompt action in a united effort which has been launched all over the state, in opposition to that portion of the Fordney Tariff Bill, now pending in Congress, which imposes an import duty of \$1.50 per barrel on crude oil.

The Arizona Chapter of the American Mining Congress is alarmed over the resultant ill effects of this particular provision of the tariff bill and on June 16th passed a resolution in opposition to this import duty, for the direct benefit of the oil producers of this country, to the detriment of almost every line of industry.

Governor Campbell in his letter to the Clifton Commercial Club, says:

Executive Office
State House
Phoenix, Arizona, June 29.

TO THE VARIOUS CHAMBERS
OF COMMERCE AND AFFILIATED
ORGANIZATIONS OF ARIZONA:

It is possible that by this time you have already received a copy of the resolution adopted by the Arizona Chapter of the American Mining Congress, June 14, with reference to the proposed imposition of an import duty on crude oil in the amount of \$1.50 per barrel. However, I am enclosing a copy of same for your information.

"If this proposal is enacted into law, it is obvious that it will have a very serious effect upon the industries of this state, not only the mining industry but practically upon all other lines, including the already serious situation as it affects our public utilities. To my mind there is grave doubt as to whether enactment of this proposal into law would not result in complete disorganization of all industry in Arizona, already struggling under heavy burdens.

"This is a matter of such vital importance to the prosperity and well-being of our state, that I wish to respectfully urge your honorable body to take such action as you may deem advisable, by the passage of resolutions or otherwise, to defeat the proposed legislation. I would further suggest that copies of any resolutions you may adopt be forwarded to the members of the Arizona Congressional delegation.

Sincerely yours,
THOS. E. CAMPBELL, Governor.

PIONEER OF FORTY- NINE PASSES AWAY IN CLIFTON

M. Edward Baron, an old pioneer of the west, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Eduardo Gomez, in North Clifton, on Monday July 11th.

Broken down and wasted by the infirmities of old age, he answered the final summons at the age of ninety-five. Mr. Baron came to California lured by the gold rush of '49. Leaving his native town of Nantes, France, he arrived in San Francisco, coming around in Horn, in the early part of that year. Being a carpenter by trade, he soon found employment there and was the first man to construct a frame building in San Francisco. Later he married into one of the first Spanish families of San Jose and it was there that he became a citizen of the United States. It can be truly said that he was one of the early western pioneers.

The deceased leaves two sons and two daughters to mourn his loss. Daniel, engineer on the A. & N. M. Ry; Edward, general postmaster at Hermosillo, Sonora, Mex; Mrs. Celina Stein, of San Antonio, Tex; and Mrs. Ed Gomez, of Clifton.

The deceased was free of all superstitions. He was, even to his last moments, possessed of all his mental faculties. He passed away, making peace with his Creator and the world in general. He lived with the firm and fixed idea that acts of charity would never die. "For an act of kindness," he would say, "is an immortal virtue, one that most exalts him who wishes for his fellowman what he desires for himself." With this happy idea firmly planted within his mind, he passed away.

He was poor, but enjoyed the confidence and esteem of all who knew him as a loyal friend and a kind father.

The remains were shipped to Tucson last Thursday to be interred by the side of his devoted wife at his request.

TEACHER DISMISSED ASKS \$2,000 DAMAGES OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

Bisbee July 7.—Suit for damages in the sum of \$1,200, for breach of contract, was filed yesterday in the superior court by attorneys for Mrs. Florence M. Naylor of the Warren District. The plaintiff was employed by the board as a teacher in October of last year and was dismissed in January of this year. She alleges that the school board violated its contract in dismissing her, and asks for her salary from the time she was dismissed.

Greenlee County Assessed Valuation Decreased \$6,000,000 This Year

The assessment roll for the county of Greenlee, including the assessment on producing mines, railroads and telegraph lines, made by the State Tax Commission for the year 1921, has been completed. The total assessed valuation of all property is approximately \$6,000,000.00 less than for the preceding year, the loss appearing principally in the valuation of producing mines.

A comparison of the assessed valuation for the years 1921 and 1920 is as follows:

ASSESSED VALUATION		
Of Property in Greenlee County, State of Arizona, for the Years 1920-1921.		
Description of Property	1921	1920
Acres, Irrigated Land	\$369,575.00	\$364,902.00
Acres, Uncultivated and Wasted Land	292,555.00	277,278.00
Improvements on Land	212,800.00	174,820.00
City and Town Lots	292,100.00	285,550.00
Improvements on City and Town lots	887,306.00	887,642.00
Productive Patented and Unpatented Mines	17,609,559.00	24,366,609.53
Improvements on Mines	2,030,499.00	2,028,487.00
Non-Productive Patented and Unpatented Mines	469,925.00	466,475.00
Patented Mill Sites	4,000.00	4,000.00
Smelters	2,092,397.00	2,157,957.00
Concentrators	1,611,995.00	1,714,350.00
Mining Machinery, Equipment and Supplies	777,404.66	609,443.83
Smelter Supplies	360,000.00	449,390.00
Banks	350,847.34	345,592.28
Stocks of Merchandise	989,748.00	1,123,487.00
Household Furniture and Store and office Fixtures	231,995.00	254,844.00
Automobiles	756,236.00	255,680.00
Motorcycles	2,350.00	2,725.00
Miles, Standard Gauge Railroad Main Line	2,052,500.00	2,052,500.00
Miles, Narrow Gauge Railroad Main Line	557,040.00	557,040.00
Miles, Telephone Lines	47,389	48,320.00
Miles, Telegraph Lines	4,865.60	4,865.60
Gas Electric Light and Power Plants	73,124.00	72,725.00
Public Service Water Works	672,870.00	682,509.86
Dozen, Poultry	2,200.00	1,882.50
Stands of Bees	1,310.00	1,520.00
Range Horses	13,970.00	18,080.00
Work Horses, Class A	7,625.00	12,360.00
Work Horses, Class B	15,735.00	15,535.00
Saddle Horses	70,500.00	65,300.00
Stallions	750.00	1,350.00
Mules Class A	7,050.00	9,600.00
Mules Class B	10,145.00	8,680.00
Asses	1,120.00	1,650.00
Range Cattle	1,360,710.00	1,269,930.00
Steers, 2 years old and up	56,560.00	37,310.00
Milch Cows	25,735.00	23,815.00
Bulls	79,450.00	74,050.00
Goats	12,520.00	15,634.75
Swine	3,580.00	3,130.00
Surface of Mining Claims used for other purposes than Mining	312,000.00	312,000.00
Improvements on Surface of Mining Claims	1,165,138.00	1,040,775.00
Acres, Township Property	250,000.00	250,000.00
Improvements on Township	583,100.00	580,260.00
Unpatented Mines	27,500.00	127,500.00
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All Other Property	187,612.89	244,837.02

Assessed Valuation of all Property as Returned by Assessor after County Board of Equalization 36,525,991.40 43,369,722.08
Less Exemptions 748,500.00 537,725.00

Based upon the reduced property valuation this year it is estimated that the tax rate this year will be \$1.935 on each \$100.00 valuation for county purposes as compared with .965 last year when the net valuation was \$42,016,955.67 as compared with \$35,777,491.49 this year.

Republican Charges of Fraud In Land Department Not Shown; Leading Politicians Are In Bitter Row

(Special to Copper Era)

Phoenix, July 9.—The dismissal of the cases wherein Ben R. Clark, late deputy state land commissioner, was charged with having failed to turn over all the funds belonging to that department when he left his office on January 1, has revived memories of the campaign last year.

During that campaign Governor Campbell, seeking re-election to the office of governor, introduced as the prominent feature of his campaign the administration of the state land commission, of which he had been the head for three years. The governor went all over the state boldly charging that the democratic majority of the land commission was in league with big cattle interests in the state to rob the people of their land heritage, given by the government as a part of the statehood admission bill. The governor said if he was given the power he would uncover many gross frauds in the land department and intimated that he would bring the rascals to justice.

Six months have passed since Governor Campbell assumed another term as governor and with four republican members of the land commission, including himself, he has had access to all the papers and records and there has been expectation that he would have something more tangible than his campaign thunder to submit to the public in substantiation of his land department charges. So far as known nothing has been found that would indicate that he had foundation for his campaign charges.

Ben Clark was arrested on five charges of failure to make proper accounting and delivery of his office.

No one believed that the charges against Clark amounted to any more than a political horseplay. The assault on Clark was generally believed to be only for the purpose of upholding the campaign issues of the governor.

DEATH OF A. C. CO. DIRECTOR—

THE LATE MR. ALEXANDER McNAB.—By the death in a nursing home in London (following an operation) of Mr. Alexander McNab, of the Clau Macnab Association has lost one of its most valued and benevolent members. Mr. McNab was president of the Association for a number of years before being succeeded by the present president, Mr. Charles Macnab, Stirling. His kindly disposition and benevolent actions were manifested in many practical ways, while his business acumen and sound advice were always at the service of the Association in which he took the deepest interest. Mr. McNab was well known and much esteemed in London where he had numerous interests, his directorial activities including, in addition to others, Arizona Copper Co. (Ltd.), Distillers Co. (Ltd.) and Esperanza Copper and Sulphur Co. (Ltd.) Quite recently he had taken an interest in a new Indian oil company

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Charge Dismissed

On one charge, after a hearing lasting several days, the justice of the peace promptly dismissed the charge; there was some talk of having the accounts of Clark audited and the other four charges were continued. Now these charges have been dismissed by the presiding officer, with the statement that there is no evidence to sustain them. Mr. Clark is now receiving the warm congratulations of his friends.

Republicans Rowing

The extent of the fight going on now among the republicans in Phoenix and in the state is not known throughout the state; it is growing more fierce and open every day.

Two leading republicans in the capital city can hardly be found that will speak to each other. Campbell and his pie counter followers are fighting Cameron; Campbell's bunch are fighting among themselves while the republicans in the county court house are split four or five ways and the devil is to pay generally.

The republicans are split worse than the democrats ever were in the past; the only difference is that democrats always fight in the open and advertise their differences, while the republicans try to conceal their disagreements.

which, it is expected, will be launched next month, and the Board of which he had consented to join. His death will be widely regretted both in the City and amongst the various Scottish Societies in London, with all of whom he was very popular.—Edinburgh Scotsman.

UNDER ARREST CHARGED WITH ABDUCTING GIRL

On information wired to officers at Lordsburg, N. M., following receipt of the word here, Raymond Wells, 29, charged with the abduction of Ida Templeton, 14-year-old girl of Casa Grande, was arrested at Lordsburg, according to word received here by Sheriff J. O. Hood.

According to the word received by Sheriff Hood, the two were still traveling in the auto in which they had left Casa Grande and were headed east.

They were started back to Casa Grande last night, where a serious charge is awaiting against Wells.

JIM CASH RELEASED IN EL PASO ON \$5000 BOND

Jim Cash, former sheriff of Greenlee county, who was arrested in El Paso two weeks ago by Federal officers, in a charge of trafficking in narcotics, has been released on \$5,000.00 bond to await his trial in the United States court of that district in October.

At his examination before the United States Commissioner Cash pleaded not guilty to the charges against him and alleged illegal entrapment by the officers who made the arrest.

Two El Paso men, Joe Dunne and F. G. Alderete furnished the bond for Cash.

Having signed the bond himself, Cash shook hands with United States Commissioner A. J. W. Schmid and thanked the commissioner for having reduced the bond from \$7,500 to \$5,000.00. "It might just as well have been placed at 30 cents, judge," remarked Cash as he was leaving the commissioner's office, accompanied by his wife, who had put in the day and every day since Cash was arrested in an effort to secure bondsman.

"When I signed that bond, judge, it didn't make any difference to me what the amount of it is. The bond calls for me to be in court and I will be there," said Cash.

"If I had any doubts about your appearance, I would not have reduced your bond," remarked the commissioner. "I feel assured that you will appear for trial."

Mrs. Cash, who with Attorney Herbert D. Oppenheimer, spent the day in securing bondsman, was in the commissioner's office when her husband was brought up from the jail. She was waiting in the commissioner's office for the deputy United States marshal to come with her husband and was telephoning to her home and giving directions for dinner.

"We will be home in a few minutes," were her final words into the telephone and there was a ring of gladness in her voice.

Cash was in excellent spirits when he came in and greeted those in the office with a cheery "Hello, folks."

He displayed no concern, whatever, over his case.

PHOENIX MEXICANS MARCH TO CAPITOL; ASK FOR AID

Phoenix, July 7.—Marching four abreast, 250 Mexicans parade down Washington street to the Capitol building Tuesday morning, in an effort to induce Governor Campbell to intercede in their behalf with the Mexican government toward obtaining food and to assist them in returning to Mexico.

Governor Campbell was out of the city attending the celebration of Frontier Days at Prescott, and Fermin Tapia of Tombstone, who lead the delegation, presented their plea to Secretary of State Hall. Mr. Hall advised him to send the Mexicans to their homes and to make an appointment with Percy Milnes, state immigration commissioner, and assured him he believed the governor would do all in his power to assist them.

Mr. Tapia dismissed the gathering and they silently left the Capitol grounds, breaking into small groups and going in different directions.

Asked as to the reason of the demonstration Mr. Tapia said he was not acting in an official capacity, but that the destitute condition of his countrymen and to make an appointment with Percy Milnes, state immigration commissioner, and assured him he believed the governor would do all in his power to assist them.

An appointment was made for Mr. Tapia to meet the immigration commissioner Tuesday afternoon.

A number of the 300 Mexicans who marched to the capitol to ask the state for aid, have been returned to Mexico once and have come back to Arizona because conditions below the border are as bad or worse than those in the United States, according to facts brought out at a conference between Percy Milnes state immigration commissioner, and Fermin Tapia of Tombstone, spokesman for the demonstrators.

Mr. Milnes asked Mr. Tapia if a number of them had not been sent back to Mexico once. Mr. Tapia said he thought they had not. Then Mr. Milnes told him he had letters showing that they had worked their way back by way of Florence Saturday. He also secured a list of names and several photographs from the local Mexican consuls to prove that the Mexicans had done so.

Mr. Milnes' information regarding the return of the Mexicans from Mexi-

PHELPS DODGE NEGOTIATING FOR A. C. CO. HOLDINGS

Persistent rumors reaching Clifton this week from the east were to the effect that negotiations between officials of Phelps Dodge Corporation, and officials of the Arizona Copper Co. Ltd., for the sale of the mining property and equipment of the latter company in this district, had been resumed.

General Manager Carmichael, of the Arizona Copper Co. Ltd., admitted to a COPPER ERA man on Friday of this week that such negotiations had been resumed in New York City and are now in progress, but no more definite statement could be made at the present time.

The principals in the negotiations under way, and which it is believed are in a fair way to a conclusion now, are Walter Douglas, President of Phelps Dodge Corporation, owners of the Phelps Dodge mines at Morenci, and J. Pentland, director of the Arizona Copper Co. Ltd., who has been in New York for the past several weeks.

The negotiations between the officials of the Phelps Dodge Co. and the Arizona Copper Co. Ltd., looking either to consolidation of the mining and milling operations of the two companies in this district, or a sale, were commenced more than a year ago. A conference was held in New York City at that time participated in by the director and officers of both companies. At the first meeting it was apparent that there was a difference existing as to the valuation to be placed upon the holdings of each company. An adjournment was taken for six months and in the meantime a physical valuation of the properties of each company was made by A. C. Co. and Phelps Dodge Co. engineers.

As a basis for negotiations these valuation figures are now in the hands of the officials of both companies. The consensus of opinion in local circles in the absence of any official information, is that the present negotiations will result in a sale of the holdings of The Arizona Copper Co. Ltd. to Phelps Dodge Corporation. In this connection, however, it is pointed out that any sale agreed upon by the directors of The Arizona Copper Co. Ltd., would have to be ratified by the stockholders of that company.

DESERTER LIST FOR GREENLEE COUNTY

County Recorder L. N. Collicott, who served as secretary of the Local Draft Board during the war, received a list of the names of the men who were under the jurisdiction of the local board, and who were, according to the public draft records classified as deserters from the military service of the United States.

The Government allows actual expenses not to exceed the sum of \$50 to any civil officer or citizen for the apprehension and delivery to military control of any of the following named men:

Guadalupe Acosta, Metcalf, Arizona.
David F. Alvillar, Morenci, Ariz.
Jesus Armendariz, Morenci, Ariz.
Eusebio Arreola, Clifton, Arizona.
Apolonio Arrey, Metcalf, Arizona.
Chas. Brown, Morenci, Arizona.
Oscar Cheney, Blythe, of Metcalf, Arizona.
Wm. John Cook, Morenci, Arizona.
William Franklin, Morenci, Ariz.
Alejandro Garcia, Morenci, Arizona.
Denham Gordon, Morenci, Arizona.
Varile Grajeda, Morenci, Arizona.
Leon Hammack, Morenci, Arizona.
Juan Hernandez, Clifton, Arizona.
Agapito Herrera, Clifton, Arizona.
Vance Lowry, Franklin, Arizona.
Basilio Licheri, Metcalf, Arizona.
Solomon B. Madrid, Clifton, Ariz.
Jesus Moran, Metcalf, Arizona.
Max L. Ortega, Clifton, Arizona.
Luis Rex Ramsey, Morenci, Ariz.
Guy A. Salling, Morenci, Arizona.
Geronimo Sierra, Metcalf, Arizona.
Fidel Solis, Metcalf, Arizona.
Pablo Vasquez, Morenci, Arizona.
Jose Zorona, Clifton, Arizona.
Jesse Walter Baker, Clifton, Ariz.

co was based in part on the following letter from Thomas H. Rynning, superintendent of the state prison at Florence:

"On Friday, July 1, near Queen creek and along the road, 300 Mexicans were seen by a truck driver. It is his belief they had been deported and found conditions so much worse in Mexico that they were immigrating back to the Salt River valley.